

improved, and his name was on the list of those to go before the Visiting Committee for discharge on probation, when a startling incident occurred. He had secreted one of the knives used in the asylum about his person, and he had, when unobserved, whittled away the thick, blunt portion used in the asylum, until he had given it a sharp cutting edge, from handle to point; when, raising his right leg up, he cut through the calf down to the bone, severing the muscle completely. This patient, Dr. Lalor told me, had been employed on various offices of trust, and that he was commonly considered to be completely cured, and altogether harmless. I obtained one of the old knives used in this asylum, had it copied, and, having got the sanction of the Board for getting several, used them all the time I was at the Westminster Union, in the male and female wards. The cutting edge was about two inches in length, but the rest of the knife was about the twelfth of an inch thick. It was impossible for lunatics to do any harm either to themselves or others with such knives.

Joseph Rogers: *Reminiscences of a Workhouse Medical Officer*. London, Unwin, 1889, pp. 108-110.

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*E R R A T U M*

In the February 1976 issue, page 262, the sentence beginning on the 14th line should read as follows: 2) If added to the curriculum, the preceptorship program should be an elective for all medical students and should be either an addition to the present curriculum, a replacement for outpatient ambulatory care or community medicine, or simply an alternative elective,